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1. ON 9 DECEMBER HQS FORWARDED VIA T-M- NO. 214249 COPIES OF DOCUMENTS FROM THE FIRST 60 VOLUMES ON OSWALD. THERE ARE TWO SECTIONS PERTAINING SOLELY TO MEXICO WHICH ARE ENTITLED "INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO SUBJECT'S TRAVEL" AND "MEXICO." THE LATTER SECTION INCLUDES INFORMATION ON INTERVIEWS WITH TRAVELLERS AND CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS EMPLOYEES, AMONG OTHER INDIVIDUALS. THE FOLLOWING ARE DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST:

A. SECTION TWO - FBI INTERNAL MEMORANDUM DATED 2 DECEMBER 1963 RE INFORMATION RELATING TO 6.5 MM MANNLICHER-CARCANO AMMUNITION USED IN THE ASSASSINATION. PORTION OF MEMO READS: "THE INTERESTING THING ABOUT THIS ORDER IS THAT IT IS FOR AMMUNITION WHICH DOES NOT FIT AND CANNOT BE FIRED IN ANY OF THE USMC WEAPONS. THIS GIVES RISE TO THE OBVIOUS SPECULATION THAT IT IS A CONTRACT FOR AMMUNITION PLACED BY CIA WITH WESTERN (CARTRIDGE CORPORATION) UNDER A USMC COVER FOR CONCEALMENT PURPOSES."

NOTE FROM FBI'S DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION DATED 25 NOVEMBER 1963, PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SYLVIA T. DURAN OF REF B. "SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE ARRESTED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ON 23 NOVEMBER 1963 FOR INTERROGATION. SHE WAS COOPERATIVE AND FURNISHED WRITTEN STATEMENTS RE TWO VISITS BY OSWALD TO CUBAN EM6ASSY IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1963 FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING VISA TO TRANSIT CUBA TO GO TO USSR. CARLOS LECHUGA, CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND FORMERLY CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, AND DURAN DESIRE TO MARRY."

B. SECTION THREE - MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BELMONT DATED 27 NOVEMBER 1963. (DOCUMENT IS RELATIVE TO TELEPHONE CALL FROM DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL KATZENBACH ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH ALEXIS JOHNSON, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.) JOHNSON TOLD KATZENBACH THAT "INsofar AS THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER IN MEXICO IS CONCERNED STATE DEPARTMENT FELT THIS SHOULD BE COORDINATED AND DIRECTED BY THE FBI. STATE TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE TO THE FBI EXTENDED TO ANY ACTIVITY OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS WITHIN THE COUNTRY. INsofar AS THE AMBASSADOR IN MEXICO IS CONCERNED JOHNSON BELIEVED HE SHOULD BE KEPT

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INFORMED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS BUT THAT THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD NOT BE RUNNING THE INVESTIGATION."

(CONTINUED FROM ABOVE) IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION IN MEXICO, IT IS RECOMMENDED KATZENBACH BE INFORMED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) HAVE JURISDICTION IN DEALING WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND IN GETTING INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS AND INTELLIGENCE COVERAGE ABROAD; THAT WHILE WE ARE COOPERATING FULLY WITH STATE AND CIA IN MEXICO, THE RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS MATTER SHOULD REST WITH STATE AND CIA."

AIRTEL FROM LEGATT, MEXICO, DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1963: "INVESTIGATION MEXICO HAS FAILED TO DETERMINE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S ENTRY INTO OR DEPARTURE FROM MEXICO. LAST KNOWN INFORMATION, AS SET OUT IN RECAB, CIA ADVISED IN "SECRET" COMMUNICATION SUBJECT IN CONTACT SOVIET EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY, 28 SEPTEMBER 1963 AND 1 OCTOBER 1963. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING."

C. SECTION SIX - LEGATT, MEXICO CITY MEMORANDUM DATED 3 DECEMBER 1963 (RELATIVE TO PORTIONS OF MEXICAN TOURIST CARD ISSUED TO OSWALD BY THE MEXICAN CONSULATE GENERAL (EXCISED)): THE TWO PORTIONS OF THE TOURIST CARD WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS OFFICE ON 12/3/63 BY (EXCISED) REQUESTED THAT THESE DOCUMENTS BE RETURNED TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE THEY ARE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND UNDER MEXICAN LAW ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE RELEASED TO OUTSIDERS."

CABLEGRAM TO MEXICO CITY RE GILBERTO POLICARPO LOPEZ (UNDATED): "AMERICAN CONSULATE, NUEVO LAREDO, CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED BY (EXCISED) NUEVO LAREDO, THAT HE FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S ENTRANCE TO MEXICO TO DR. RAFAEL HERNANDES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MEXICAN IMMIGRATION, MEXICO CITY, WHO REQUESTED TO HANDLE THIS EXCLUSIVELY WITH MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. CIA ADVISES SUBJECT'S TOURIST CARD WAS ISSUED MEXICAN CONSULATE, TAMPA, FLORIDA."

SECTION SIX ALSO CONTAINS BUREAU NOTE ON SILVIA DURAN.

D. SECTION 27: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE AIRTEL DATED 27 NOVEMBER 1963: LEE HARVEY OSWALD APPROACHED CARLOS BRINGUIER, HEAD OF CUBAN STUDENT DIRECTORATE (CSD) IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., DURING APPROXIMATELY EARLY AUGUST 1963 AND HAD OFFERED \$10 CONTRIBUTION TOWARD FURTHERANCE OF ANTI-CASTRO CAUSES OF CSD. SINCE HE WAS A FORMER U.S. MARINE, HE ALSO OFFERED TO ASSIST IN MILITARY TRAINING OF MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP. THE CSD WAS SUSPICIOUS OF OSWALD, SUSPECTING HE WAS POSSIBLY A MEMBER OF THE FBI OR CIA WHO WAS ATTEMPTING TO PENETRATE THEIR ORGANIZATION.

E. SECTION 39 - UNDATED DOCUMENT "SA 105-2909": THE INTERVIEW WITH RAYMOND BUENROSTRO CORTEZ APPEARING IN THIS REPORT WAS PREDICATED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE MIAMI DIVISION FROM CIA, MIAMI, IN A CIA MEMORANDUM CLASSIFIED "SECRET." HOWEVER IT IS NOT BELIEVED INSTANT REPORT SHOULD BE SO CLASSIFIED AS A RESULT OF

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INTERVIEW WITH BUENROSTRO AND THEREFORE IT IS NOT BEING CLASSIFIED. (NOTE: CIA MEMO REFERRED TO WAS NOT INCLUDED.)

F. SECTION 42: MEMORANDUM FROM SAN JOSE, CA., OFFICE DATED 18 DECEMBER 1963: INTERVIEW BY FBI OF ROBERTO EDMOND GALLANT, INMATE AT SANTA CLARA PRISON FARM IN SAN JOSE, CA.

GALLANT ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN ANTI-CASTRO UNDERGROUND IN MEXICO FOR PAST SIX YEARS UNDER THE NAME OF GENERAL ROBERTO DE EDMONDO CORTEZ AND THAT HE HAD UNDER HIS COMMAND A SECRET ARMY OF 3500 MEN THROUGHOUT MEXICO. THIS IS AN ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCE CONCENTRATING ON THE CUBAN COMMUNISTS IN MEXICO.

GALLANT STATED HE HAD A "SECRET AGENT" WHOSE IDENTITY HE ABSOLUTELY REFUSED TO DIVULGE AND WHO IS PRESENTLY WORKING IN THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY. THIS SECRET AGENT ADVISED GALLANT THAT OSWALD WENT TO THE CUBAN EMBASSY ON 12 JULY 1963 IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET A VISA TO CUBA AND ALSO TO RUSSIA. OSWALD STAYED IN MEXICO CITY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK. THIS WAS HIS FIRST TRIP TO MEXICO CITY AND HE ARRIVED BY AIRPLANE ALONE.

GALLANT STATED THAT HIS SECRET AGENT POINTED OUT OSWALD TO HIM ON 12 JULY 1963. OSWALD HAD ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF THE AGENT BECAUSE OF HIS DESIRE TO OBTAIN THE AFOREMENTIONED TRAVEL VISA WHICH WAS THOUGHT TO BE UNORDINARY FOR A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN SECTIONS TWO, SIX, 20225, 41 AND 42 AND PERTAIN TO GILBERTO NOLASCO ALVARADO UGARTE, THE NICARAGUAN CITIZEN WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN SUBJECT (OSWALD) PAID A LARGE SUM OF MONEY IN THE CUBAN CONSULATE IN MEXICO CITY ON 18 SEPTEMBER (1963):

A. A MEMORANDUM DATED 30 NOVEMBER 1963 INDICATES THAT ALVARADO CONFESSED TO THE MEXICAN OFFICIALS THAT HIS STATEMENT ON OSWALD WAS FALSE. HE STATED HIS MOTIVE WAS PERSONAL AND DID NOT INVOLVE HIS COUNTRY. HE SAID HE WANTED TO THE GIVE THE U.S. A REASON FOR OVERCOMING CASTRO.

B. A 7 DECEMBER 1963 CABLEGRAM FROM MEXICO CITY INDICATES THAT A SOURCE IN MEXICAN IMMIGRATION ADVISED THIS MORNING THAT ALVARADO BEING DEPORTED TOMORROW MORNING, DECEMBER 8, TO NICARAGUA. CABLEGRAM NOTED "CIA HERE ADVISED BY US OF ABOVE INFORMATION."

C. AN 8 DECEMBER 1963 BUREAU INTERNAL NOTE INDICATES THAT ALVARADO HAD BEEN POLYGRAPHED BY CIA. HE INDICATED DECEPTION WHEN TALKING ABOUT OSWALD. HE NOW ADMITS HE MUST HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN. HE IS TO BE DEPORTED TO NICARAGUA ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER BY MEXICANS.

D. A 11 DECEMBER 1963 MEMORANDUM FROM LEGATT, MEXICO CITY, BASED ON A 3 DEC 1963 CONVERSATION INDICATES THAT THE CIA SENDING POLYGRAPH EXAMINER TO MEXICO CITY TO INTERVIEW ALVARADO AND THAT LEGATT SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN INTERVIEWS AS AN INTERPRETER. MEMO

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PRINTS OUT THAT ENTIRE INTERVIEWS HAD BEEN TAPED BY CIA AND THAT CIA
OLYGRAPH EXAMINER WAS CALVIN DAVIS.

E. THE ATTACHMENT TO A 13 DECEMBER 1963 MEMORANDUM FROM
LEGATT, MEXICO WAS A COPY OF FINGERPRINT CARD AND PHOTOGRAPHS
OF ALVARADO. SANTIAGO IBANEZ LLAMAS, HEAD OF THE INSPECTION SECTION
OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE
THESE ITEMS AVAILABLE TO THE LEGATT.

3. WE HAVE FOUND NO REFERENCES TO TELTAPS IN THE FIRST 60
SECTIONS OF THE OSWALD FILE WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN RELEASED UNDER
DIA.

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